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Redlich, Norman

June 3, 1964

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of May 28th enclosing a copy of your letter to Chief Justice Warren, Chairman of the President's Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President Kennedy.

I was not advised of Mr. Redlich's appointment as a legal consultant to the Commission or his prior association with an organization which the Un-American Activities Committee has felt was Communist infiltrated. When the matter was brought to my attention, I, personally, reviewed Professor Redlich's FBI file and I came to the conclusion, as did all the other members of the Commission, that there was nothing which reflected on Professor Redlich's loyalty as an American citizen. He did criticize the activities of the Un-American Committee but outside checks of my own confirm the fact of his loyalty. I became satisfied after talks with Professor Redlich of his objective approach to the evidence. The Commission is not going to depend on any one member of the staff's viewpoint and, indeed, on any number of the men on the staff. The Commission itself is going to have the ultimate responsibility for the report it puts out and for the statements contained in it.

Knowing, as I suppose you do, the constitution of the Commission, I feel you can be sure our report is not going to be a rubber stamp of others opinions. It is going to be, I hope, a thorough and objective representation of the facts relating to the assassination of the President and his alleged assassin. The situation is such that I believe every member of the Commission

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will sense his own heavy responsibilities and act objectively. While I realize your concern and that of Congress, I do not feel that Professor Redlich's employment represents any impairment of the Commission's responsibilities to the President and to the country for a trustworthy and objective report.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. McCLOY

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